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(54) Systems and methods for providing television schedule information

(57) The present invention provides systems and  
methods for providing television schedule information to  
a viewer, and for allowing the viewer to link, search, select  
and interact with information in a remote database, e.g.,  
a database on the internet. The television schedule in-  
formation can be displayed on a variety of viewer inter-  
faces, such as television screens (32), computer moni-  
tors (10), PCTV screens (362) and the like. The television  
schedule information may be stored on the viewer's com-  
puter (10), television (32), PCTV (362), or a remote server  
(350), or the television schedule information may be  
downloaded from a remote database to the viewer's com-  
puter (10), television (32) or PCTV (362).

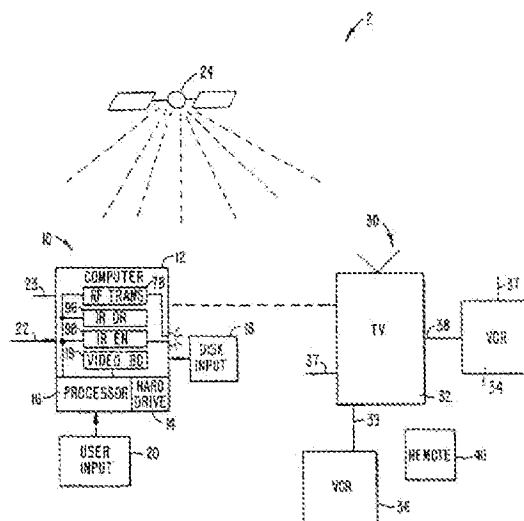


FIG. 1

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